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In re Application of:)
John B. FERBER) Group Art Unit: 3622
Application No.: 09/716,563) Examiner: CHAMPAGNE, Donald
Filed: November 20, 2000)
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
AN E-MAIL AFFILIATE)
PROGRAM)

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action dated February 11, 2004, please reconsider the above-identified application as follows:

REMARKS

In the last Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,029,141 ("*Bezos*").

REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-12

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claim 1 because *Bezos* fails to expressly or inherently teach each and every element of the claim. M.P.E.P. § 2131 (8th ed. Feb. 2003). Particularly, *Bezos* fails to teach at least, as recited in claim 1, providing software instructions on each webmaster server for collecting an e-mail